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From: Stanislaus, Mathy
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 9:53:24 PM
Subject: RE: heads up

Dana: I don't think this does it. We discussed broader statements that we need to lead with that describes that in general what EPA does for contaminated sediments in rivers – sampling, remediation techniques, etc. That EPA is committed to following its procedure to determining the presence of contamination in sediment and conducting cleanup following existing procedures. ...

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Yes, who do I get this to? Here is a sentence on sampling,

A draft sampling plan is being developed to address sampling and analysis of sediment and well-water. This plan is being developed jointly by Regions 8, 6 and 9. Sampling will continue throughout the impacted area as well as ahead of the plume to establish baseline water quality.

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See revisions to last sentence

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On 8/5, an EPA and Colorado State Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety team was working to investigate and address contamination at the abandoned Gold King Mine in San Juan County, CO. This work resulted in a large release of mine wastewater into the upper portions of Cement Creek. EPA is actively responding to the site. EPA is committed to determining the facts associated the release through an open and transparent process. Toward that end, the review will be conducted in an independent fashion in accordance using accepted standards for such t reviews.

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Adding in George to respond, he is working on getting the EPA website up.

Here is a quick statement on the investigation.

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What messages were developed for the press call at 5?

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Very hard to get a hold of regional folks right now, Dave O, Deb McKean, etc are on route. As we understand it, they are working on a short term sediment plan, which we can use to develop a longer term sediment plan. They are trying to get us information within the hour from the UAC, if possible.

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